

Hello Friends!

The month of March has been a hectic round of parties with about six birthdays in the Carpenter family!

Karen and Mom express their warm appreciation as always for the many lovely cards and gifts. Since their birthdays are only two days apart, they usually have a combined celebration and this year was no exception. A family dinner party was held at their favorite seafood restaurant in Beverly Hills.

It was not until after the last newsletter was published that Richard decided to release "Beechwood 4-5789" on Karen's birthday, so we hope you're catching it on your airwaves, and expect to see some chart action soon.

I was so involved with the details of the promotional tour in the last newsletter, that I neglected to pass on the good news that Tony and Chris Peluso became the proud parents of an 8lb.14oz. son Andrew Anthony, November 10th. (All are doing well!) Let's hope he will follow in his Dad's footsteps with his musical abilities!

There isn't much to report this time, except Richard and Karen are laying tracks in readiness for the next album, and have completed a few songs. They hope for completion later this year.

We have received a variety of questions Richard has answered below:

- Q. Has a concert tour been formulated yet?
A. Currently in the planning stages.
- Q. To what does Richard accredit the disappointing chart listings for the Carpenters best ever album "Made In America"?
A. There were no "Top 5" singles, and less than satisfactory promotion.
- Q. Will the "Carpettes" be used on the next Carpenters album?
A. "It's a possibility".
- Q. Will Karen ever release her solo album?
A. Probably not.
- Q. Why doesn't Richard use the harmonica as he did on two earlier L.P.'s?
A. He hasn't found or written a song he feels calls for harmonica.
- Q. What happened to the ABC Special which was due last Christmas?
A. Richard and Karen are still committed for one, but management is waiting for the exact right time for airing.
- Q. Will there be a "Made In America" music book available to members?
A. No-(according to the publishers).
- Q. How old was Richard when he first fully arranged and orchestrated a song? Does he remember which song?
A. He was 22. The songs: "Nowadays Clancy Can't Even Sing" & "Someday".
- Q. Will the Carpenters consider recording on Videocassette?
A. Yes.
- Q. Have K&R been to the "Top Of The World" in the Baltimore Trade Center?
A. Not yet.

We will be happy to answer more practical questions in the next newsletter, in the meantime we all wish you a happy summer, and congratulate all graduates and wish you well in your chosen field.

Rosina

All the best!